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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))—SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: William S. Holmes

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING VERIFIABLE DIGITAL SIGNATURES

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below.
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Litronic Inc.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 17861 Cartwright Road, Irvine, California 92614

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- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☐ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

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Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☒ no such person, concern, or organization exists.
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Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention stating their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Kris Shah

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or any original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the invention was not published in an application filed before my invention, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

(For Execution Prior To Filing Patent Application)

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the undersigned:

William S. Holmes

hereby sell, assign, and transfer to:

Litronic Inc.

a corporation, having a principal place of business at 17861 Cartwright Road, Irvine, California 92614 ("Assignee"), and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all inventions and improvements that are disclosed in the application for the United States patent that has been executed by the undersigned prior hereto or concurrently herewith on the dates indicated below and is entitled:

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and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications that have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said inventions and improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents that have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said inventions and improvements; and in and to all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and in all subsequent PCT and foreign applications claiming priority to the United States application;

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